

Press Release

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Union Township Introduces DDA Districts Grant Program for Local Businesses

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF UNION – Union Township's Economic Development Authority (EDA) Board recently announced a grant program to assist businesses in the Township's two downtown development authority (DDA) districts with improvement projects.

Owners of eligible local businesses who are interested in taking advantage of these grant funding opportunities are invited to submit an application with their improvement plans to the EDA Board. To be eligible, the business must be located either the East DDA District along the E. Pickard Rd. (M-20) corridor from Packard St. east to S. Summerton Rd., or in the West DDA's business district along E. Remus Rd. (M-20) from Bradley St. to west of S. Lincoln Rd. and also along S. Lincoln Rd. to the north and south of M-20.

Projects eligible for grant funding include replacement of outdated freestanding signs with more effective monument-style signage, site beautification, and barrier-free pedestrian access improvements.

The application form and additional information can be found on the Township's website under Boards and Commissions/Economic Development Authority at: http://www.uniontownshipmi.com/

Local businesses are invited to deliver completed applications with supporting documentation and plans to the Township office, 2010 S. Lincoln Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Applications can be submitted at any time and will be evaluated during a regular meeting of the EDA Board. This grant program and potential grant award amounts listed on the application form are subject to adjustment by the EDA Board depending on demand and program effectiveness.

Questions about this grant program may be directed to Rodney Nanney, Community and Economic Development Director, at (989) 772-4600 Ext 232, or via email at <u>rnanney@uniontownshipmi.com</u>.

The EDA Board was established by the elected Township Board of Trustees to govern the East and West DDA Districts. The EDA Board's mission is to prevent district deterioration, to promote overall economic growth, and to create and implement long-term development plans for each DDA District. The most recent development plans for each district were adopted in 2021.